

ARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Pelura, Bomba, Dowe, Newton and Brown were present. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt- Clerk, G. Krivda Police Chief, J. Santogrossi-Public Works Superintendent, S. Cosaboon-Engineer and A. Telsey-Solicitor.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. **Roll call** was taken.

The Mayor asked Mr. Bomba to start the **Departmental Reporting**. Mr. Bomba started with the Fire and Rescue Department. He said the Penns Grove VFW Post 8840 held a recognition dinner for Police and Fire personnel on March 30th. He said it was well presented. He mentioned our ambulance covered Penns Grove ambulance for about a week due to their ambulance being down. He mentioned at the Industrial Commission the discussion was on the two deeds in their name and they are looking at getting an appraisal for the sale of one property.

Mr. Newton started with the Homestead Rebate has been credited to the May 1st quarter. New Bills were mailed out in March. He said the Municipal Tax Sale will be held on September 16th. He said the Construction Department had 22 permits issued and collected \$21,266.00. Year to date has been 72 permits with collecting \$39,994.00. Chief Krivda said Lt. Hogan reached out to the County Road Department for a sign on Courses Landing Road "No Tractor-trailers". He also mentioned the dinner at the VFW. Donald Haines was awarded Officer of the Year.

Mr. Brown said the Public Works Department repaired a storm water box and the street sweeper will be out sweeping. Mr. Cosaboon said the DuPont Road road resurfacing from Harding Highway to Highland will be starting in a few weeks and only last for about three weeks. He mentioned the Boutown Pump Station has ongoing problems. The water level has been lowered to the best of DuPont's ability. It needs to go down 2 to 3 more feet. He is working with Conrail to control drainage to Chemours. He said the pipe needs to be blocked or restricted somehow. He has been calling weekly and will keep the Township updated. Mr. Cosaboon said he has heard that the NJ DOT 2019 Municipal Aid Program has awarded Carneys Point \$180,000 for repaving of Bianca Ave. Mr. Pelura asked when they mill the road could we have the millings for the alleyways. They can dump them at Public Works. Mayor Brown said maybe even from the round-a-bout, when that gets done. Mayor Brown said he attended the regular monthly meeting for JIF on March 25th. He is still sending various training and safety bulletin's to various Department Heads. He said one in particular was on the DOT's new requirement to appoint a Designated Employer Representative (DER). This requires training by the JIF for signs that a person is working impaired.

Mr. Dowe said the Recreation Commission is holding the Annual Easter Egg hunt is Saturday, April 20th at 10 am sharp.

Mr. Pelura said the free rabies clinic was held on March 9th at the Firehouse. He said there were 112 animals vaccinated with 86 being dogs and 26 being cats. The total of licenses issued to Carneys Point residents was 53. Mr. Pelura said there were students from the High School that wrote receipts at the clinic and earned credits for their National Honor Society.

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to approve the Departmental Reports, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Dowe to approve the **minutes from the Budget meeting held on March 2, 2019, the Regular Committee meeting held on March 20, 2019 and the Special meeting held on March 27, 2019.** Seconded by Mr. Bomba and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-89

CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

Mr. Pelura motioned to authorize the cancelation of \$707.79 from three outstanding checks from 2017, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-90

EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to authorize the extension of the grace period for the August 2019 tax quarter mailing to comply with State Statutes. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-91

TO AVERAGE THE TAX COLLECTION RATE FOR USE IN THE 2019 BUDGET

Mr. Newton motioned to authorize the average of three years of tax collection rates to be used for the 2019 Municipal Budget. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mayor Brown stopped the regular meeting at 6:15 pm to introduce the 2019 Municipal Budget. He read the Municipal Budget Notice that states the public hearing on the Budget will be on May 1, 2019 at the regular Committee meeting at 6:15 pm. Mr. Bomba motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken. Mr. Brown gave details of the 2019 Budget. He said the largest increase was in electricity. The increase is .603 which increase is 052, so on an average home of \$142,500 the increase is \$27.00. He said one cent use to equal 64,000.00 but currently one cent equals \$63,829. Mayor Brown asked for a motion to introduce, motion was made by Mr. Bomba, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

Final Reading of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE 943

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM.

Mayor Brown opened the ordinance up for Public Questions or Comments, with none he closed the public portion and asked for a motion to adopt. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous roll call vote was taken.

ORDINANCE 944

AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY RANGES FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT IN THE COUNTY OF SALEM NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE CARNEYS POINT POLICE ASSOCIATION OR THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 676. Motion to introduce was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

There being no **Correspondence** Mayor Brown moved on to discuss foreclosed properties under **Old Business**. Mrs. Stout said these properties are owned by the Township and the deeds have been filed. Mr. Dowe asked if prices will be set based on assessed values. Mrs. Stout commented some of the properties are non-conforming and the first choice should go to the neighbors on each side of the property. Mrs. Stout said they can go to Gov.deals, or have an auction in the courtroom. She said Mr. Telsey did this in Penns Grove. He said Penns Grove sold about 60 properties by auction. Mayor Brown said it would be nice to have a photo of each property. Mrs. Stout said she thinks the Assessors program has the ability to print photos.

Under New Business the Committee discusses a list of new properties that can be foreclosed on. Mrs. Stout asked the Committee to review the list and give her direction on what they would like to see done.

Public Participations: Martin Cleary of Broad St. said he saw kids at Walgreens and at the Dollar Store causing a disturbance with customers. Mayor Brown said they are both in Penns Grove and he should have called the Police. Mr. Cleary mentioned the two driveways off Courses Landing Road for the new warehouse. He said he does not think a light is a good thing. Mayor Brown said he should have taken his comments to the Planning Board meeting.

Bob Brayerton of Laytons Lake Drive said the light on Route 40 by the sod farm was because of construction of the bridge at Laytons Lake. Once the bridge was replaced the light was removed to a flashing light.

Mr. Pelura said he should have spoken about this before, he would like to see this Committee write a letter to oppose the entrance off of Route 48 to the warehouse. He said tractors will be coming out and someone is going to get hurt there if this goes through. Mr. Pelura mentioned the routes to the warehouse and said they are not going to go around when they can cut through. Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter, seconded by Mr. Bomba. Mayor Brown said he will sign saying we have concerns and to request they review again. The Chief said he agrees with Mr. Pelura. He said this should be addressed now. Mayor Brown said an endorsement from the Chief along with a letter to review could be sent. Mr. Telsey commented this should go to Brent first and if he is in agreement then send the letters. Mr. Pelura said only passenger vehicles, cars and trucks not tractor-trailers. Mr. Bomba said we could ask for blinking light for slow vehicles entering the highway. A motion to send the letters and seconded were made only if Brent Carneys approves. All were in favor.

With no more comments or questions this portion was closed and a motion was made to reconvene into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2019-93

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Dowe and seconded by Mr. Bomba to reconvene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:53 pm.

RESOLUTION 2019-94

HIRE CHRISTOPHER M. ECELROY AS A POLICE OFFICER

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to offer employment to Christopher McElroy as a Police Officer effective May 1st, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-78

HIRE TYLER J. MENZ AS A POLICE OFFICER

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to offer employment to Tyler J. Menz as a Police Officer effective May 1st, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

Mr. Dowe said he would like to have everyone encourage the Chief to get more involved in the School System to help our resident children to look at becoming a Police Officer. This will help with diversity.


Mr. Pelura said join in with Penns Grove, Bridge Police and County Prosecutors Office, Sheriffs Office to do a job day. It could be here in our building.

Mr. Bomba said the Votec and ROTC is another group to invite.

Mrs. Stout said she will work with Mr. Dowe to put a project together.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Pelura to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Dowe. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved: 4-17-2019


June Proffitt, Township Clerk